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ABANDONING HIS ALLIES.

The Orange Sentinel goes after Mr. Borden for his abandonment of the Orangemen after they repudiated his part in aiding the attack on the Government over the autonomy bills. The Sentinel points out that Mr. Borden maintains in his new platform the objections he made to the land provisions of the bills but has omitted both in his speeches and his program all mention of the rebel clauses against which he inveighed quite as strongly, and against which he received the assistance of the Sentinel in an attempt to arouse the Orangemen of Ontario with the cry that the Protestants of the West were being trodden upon. The Sentinel puts it thus:—

"The silence that Mr. Borden maintains regarding the educational clause of the autonomy bill is the last degree disappointing. It would not be so objection if he refrained from attacking that measure at other points. He gives a denegation in his new platform that if he is returned to power he will amend the act and give the control of the public lands to the province. This is a right thing in a most equitable position.

Mr. Borden has argued on the floor of the house that the clause of the autonomy bill is unconstitutional. Yet he seems to have consented to accept it as the final word in federal legislation. He has questioned in the west. If he is satisfied with the worst feature of this law, why should he desire to amend those of lesser import? "By all precedents of party government it is reasonable to expect the Conservative leader to make the autonomy bill, that so many have been approaching content, and to emphasize the educational clause. His own action regarding the Grand Trunk Pacific railway bill requires him to raise the school issue. It will be remembered that the government introduced the bill to construct the Grand Trunk Pacific railway without having a mandate from the country. Mr. Borden and his followers in parliament fought that measure as vigorously as they could. They were defeated in the house. That did not satisfy Mr. Borden. He did not accept that legislation as a final word. In the campaign that followed he made the issue of the election. . . .

"The inconsistency of Mr. Borden's present course is susceptible of explanation only upon the theory that he wishes to maintain a friendly attitude toward the Orangemen. Having opposed the bill in parliament, he seems to think he has done his whole duty to them and gone far enough to satisfy the Ontario followers. This would be most convenient if it could be managed. It would leave him in a position to claim the throne of the French Romanist and the Ontario Orangemen, and coalesce those divergent elements of the electorate. No doubt he could do this. But the conservative party being stronger than their legality to the basic principle of the order. He evidently expects them to condone the encroachments of the Church of Rome in the matter of the schools of the new provinces for the sake of the party. Some of them will. It is our opinion, however, that more of them will not. As we have said in a previous issue the Orangemen of Canada, if they had to make a choice, would prefer Mr. Borden to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. But his new platform is calculated to sap their confidence and make them careless as to which party wins in the polls."

From the standpoint of the Orange Sentinel that paper is undoubtedly correct. So long as the educational clauses could be used as a club with which to belabor the Government, Borden was timely in winking at himself and in inciting the Orangemen and those with whom it carried influence to attack the bill when the west endorsed the rebel clauses in a way that left Mr. Borden no hope of political advantage from continuing his association with them. His concern for the educational affairs of the new provinces showed a marked decline. So long as he could use the Orangemen of Ontario to his advantage in a race and creed campaign against the Government he did that. Mr. Borden could make for his support was too strong for him. At the moment it appeared probable that his close alliance with the Orangemen would tell against him in other parts

of the Dominion and amongst other elements in our population that Mr. Borden turned the cold shoulder upon those who had aided him. In the platform which he professes contains all that he could think of likely to awaken the public interest of the electorate there is no mention of the clauses which two years ago he denounced as an unconstitutional outrage upon the people of these provinces. In his speeches recently delivered both in the English-speaking circles of the Maritime Provinces and in the provinces of Quebec there is no invitation to the audience to rise and strike the alleged threats from the manacled inhabitants of these provinces. From his point of view the Sentinel is quite in order in calling upon Mr. Borden to stand by the allies who stood by him in distress and waited for the Orangemen that Mr. Borden depends on their party allegiance to overcome their sense of injury because of that abandonment.

The question plank of Mr. Borden's platform appears to be "all things to all men" according to their ability to serve the purpose of the hour.

A "SAMPLE SCANDAL."

Some time since the Department of Militia wanted to purchase a rifle range at Kenilworth, N.S.; \$12,400 was offered for suitable property but the owners declined the offer. Arbitrators were appointed and appraised the land at \$20,000. A reference was appointed before the arbitrators. The arbitrators presented the property as being worth \$20,000 and the referee allowed them \$20,000. The Department appealed to the Exchequer Court and the judge awarded the owners \$20,000. The Supreme Court was appealed to and the judgment was reduced to the amount of \$12,400, which was paid over and the range secured.

The new transaction is paraded by the Opposition press as "A Sample Liberal Scandal." That \$12,400 was paid for the property valued by arbitrators, referees and courts at sums ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 is not out as a shining but typical illustration of how the Government is held up in the purchase of property.

The Opposition press says that \$12,400 the Government fought the case through successive awards and from court to court to the highest tribunal is represented as showing how the Government was deceived by its "friends" at the expense of the public; and for evidence of the Government's anxiety to enrich their "friends" we are reminded that they went to law to prevent being held up and did so prevent being held up. On the whole this is a pretty fair "sample" of the "scandal" invented to discredit the Government; the assertion that it is a "scandal" is not further than from the facts.

ON THE SIDE.

Well it would never do to let Calgary get ahead of us—even in civilian ranks.

Now is the winter of our discontent made perfectly ridiculous by comparison with meteorological conditions.

Curious enough the Montreal Star firmly convinced of the moral integrity of Mr. Hugh Graham.

Chinese servants in Vancouver have taken to the streets, repudiating Chinatown until the storm blows over, and now the social torturers of the community will be aggravated by the pangs of acute indigestion superinduced by experimental cookery.

MERBIDE KILLED ANTI-SIATIC BILL.

(Vancouver World.)

Mr. C. M. Woodworth, the company anti-Siatic, British Columbia has been betrayed with respect to his own conduct by the Vancouver World.

It appears from page 224 of the B. C. statutes for 1907 that the lieutenant governor reserved his assent to Mr. Borden's bill.

The lieutenant governor of a province may under section 55 of the B. N. A. Act reserve a bill for the lieutenant governor of the province. This is only done under instructions from the governor general in council, or in other words, the government in power at Ottawa, as Sir John Borden told us at page 426 of the second edition of his work on Parliamentary Procedure.

If, however, Mr. Dunsinville had no such instructions from Ottawa and he reserved the bill of his own motion then Hon. Richard McBride is responsible for that course and in that event he should have been burned in effigy.

Under our constitution, the lieutenant governor has no personal responsibility. He must always have advisers who will assume responsibility for all his actions.

In any event, if Mr. McBride considered the bill of any importance he should not have submitted to any instructions from Sir Wilfrid Laurier directing the bill to be reserved, he should have resigned right then and there.

Mr. Dunsinville would then have been obliged to find some one willing to accept the position of premier and the onus of killing this bill, and any one accepting such responsibility would have been obliged to immediately bring on a general election and assume the onus of the enforcement of the people of the province.

As there has been no suggestion from the local government that Mr. Dunsinville had instructions from Sir Wilfrid Laurier to reserve the bill, I may I think, safely assume that in doing so he acted in the advice of his premier, Hon. Richard McBride.

Under these circumstances it seems to me that the election of Vancouver is not very well made any objection, as the facts of the facts, they allowed Mr. McBride's attorney general to be elected a few days ago, thus endorsing Mr. McBride's action in killing this bill.

It might add that it is very peculiar that Mr. Borden in drawing this bill, either carelessly or intentionally used the word "lawful" instead of the word "unlawful" thus completely nullifying the bill.

JOSEPH MARTIN, Vancouver, Sept. 16, 1907.

WESTERN LAND SPECULATION.

(Toronto Globe.)

While there is a world of wisdom in Mr. Frank Oliver's advice regarding the booming of land values in the West, it is not at all probable that the owners of speculative land will be inclined to neglect an opportunity for a speculative gain.

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FORGETFULNESS

Every day holds its quota of interest for the public and the things of yesterday are like unto the water of yesterday, never the same again and forgotten. To grind out business in this day of competition every day is a very different thing from yesterday. To know tomorrow and yesterday are always near, but never with us, first and foremost business today. The public wouldn't be long in favor if it served the public today for that of today. It goes out fresh every day with the store news and your daily reminder of what you are doing should be "Just the public forget."

CLARKVILLE.

Bulletin News Service. The church is well filled each Sunday. There has been a light frost here. Mr. Waters is in Floating Stone cutting bay for Fred Poirer.

Charles Jackson has gone to Squamish to do some painting. Mr. Waters has a fine crop of grapes. The grapes are being cut by foot as well as here at Floating Stone Lake.

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